

The Liberal Democrat

Eighth Year, Number 52

LIBERAL, SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS, FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1915

\$1.50 Per Year

American Lives Lost.

The British steamer Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine last Saturday, and several scores of American passengers lost their lives. The incident has served to complicate the already delicate international situation in Washington, and our government officials are sitting tight on the safety valve. President Wilson and the cabinet are giving the matter their undivided attention, and at the time this is written there seems but small likelihood that a special session of congress will be called to consider the probability of declaring war. Now, if ever, is the proper time for every true citizen to consider things dispassionately, and realize the heavy responsibility that rests upon our president and high officials. In that connection we quote an editorial from a recent issue of the Kansas City Star, which contains advice that is worth considering:

"The melting pot" has got now to prove that it has fused a nation. It is up to this Nation to stand by its President, by its national leaders, with the same unity any kingly government commands from its people. "Individuals not in official place cannot know all the facts. They are not in position to form completely intelligent or informed judgment. They may, if they will, indulge in impulsive sentiments and possibly unjust expressions of opinion. The President may not do that. On him rests the responsibility for 100 million people. He must speak with calmness and deliberation. On him fate and the voice of the people have cast the burden of history. It is but just, it is only safe, that the voice of the people shall choose him as its oracle."

"The fact that a fateful incident has arisen should all the more serve to bind the country into one homogeneous whole—that the President may have his fullest opportunity to deal justly with all nations and guide the American people in the way that historic dispassionate opinion will approve."

Working The Streets

Since the rains have temporarily ceased the city is having considerable grading done on the streets. The street south of the common schools is coming in for a good working over, which was necessary, as travel over it was becoming quite a job. The work has been hindered very much by the frequent rains lately, but if the weather will behave itself a few weeks, the city council will have the thoroughfares of Liberal in about the best shape of any town of the same size in the state. There is nothing that makes a more favorable impression on strangers in a town, or a greater degree of satisfaction to its citizens, than well worked streets, and the new city dads are beginning their administration in the right way.

Mrs. C. D. Thompson arrived Tuesday from Great Bend for a visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Raleigh Erdman.

Liberal, Kansas

Guyton, Oklahoma

Dalhart, Texas

Chas. Summers & Sons
THE QUALITY STORE
Established 1878

Dry Goods, Clothing.

Shoes and

Gent's Furnishings

Clothes That Appeal to Better Dressed Men

Particular men find satisfaction here. Not only are they satisfied with the BETTER CLOTHES we sell, and the splendid service we give, but they are satisfied our prices are right. We can save you from \$2.50 to \$5.00 on a suit. MAKE US PROVE IT.

Standard Makes of Everything in Our Line

Frat Clothes
Edwin Clapp Shoes
Douglas Shoes
American Lady Shoes

Lamm Co. Tailor Made
Clothes
Stetson Hats
Standard Dress Goods
Standard Silk

All Ladies' Hats at a Big Sacrifice

All \$2.00 Hats Now \$.98	All 4.50 Hats Now 2.23
All 2.50 Hats Now 1.23	All 5.00 Hats Now 2.49
All 3.00 Hats Now 1.49	All 6.00 Hats Now 2.98
All 3.50 Hats Now 1.73	All 7.00 Hats Now 3.49
All 4.00 Hats Now 1.98	



Clothing, Dry Goods, Shoes and Millinery
36 Years Successful Merchandising---Always at it Morning, Noon and Night

Will Study Optometry

Dr. Eugene F. Pellette, the Liberal osteopath, left Tuesday for Kansas City. He will take in the Missouri-Kansas Osteopathic association this week, which is going on there at present, and will then take a three month's course in optometry in the Needles Institute, after which he will return to Liberal and combine eye work with his regular osteopathic practice. Dr. J. H. Dellinger, another osteopath, arrived Sunday from Kansas City and will take care of Dr. Pellette's practice while the latter is away.

Yes, we'll take your note for a Hall Policy. Chas. W. Ellsaesser.

Miss Gladys McCartney of Plains was here on business Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Chorn of Tyrone was a Liberal visitor Saturday.

See those New, Middy Ties at the Economy.

Harry Crackle made a business trip to Dodge City Monday.

Their Thirtieth Anniversary

The friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davis gave them a pleasant surprise Sunday by gathering there at 11 o'clock with well filled baskets of such good things as are found only in Seward county.

Table cloths were spread on the lawn and dinner served picnic fashion to about seventy-five guests.

In the afternoon those who wished to go, attended church and Sunday School at Bluebell while the young men, married and single, formed two ball teams and played a very interesting game.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were married near St. John, May 10, 1885, and resided there until March 22, 1907, when they came to their homestead 12 miles east of Liberal, on which they have lived and worked, improving each year till now they have as fine an orchard and grove as can be seen in Seward county.

Mr. Davis has always taken an interest in the school, and served as Director on the school board for several years.

At six o'clock the party left for their various homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. Davis many years of wedded bliss and hoping they might help them celebrate several anniversaries in the future.

A GUEST.

Miss Josie Johnson went to Hooker Friday to visit relatives.

Mrs. H. N. Wiggins of Tyrone was here on business Saturday.

Remember, there is only one National. Chas. W. Ellsaesser has that.

6 loaves of bread or 6 tickets for 25 cents cash at the Liberal Bakery.

Mrs. May Murphy of Meade was here on business the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McCullough left Saturday for Little Rock, Arkansas.

6 loaves of bread or 6 tickets for 25 cents cash at the Liberal Bakery.

C. P. Lorenz attended the ball game at Plains Sunday.

Emery Hill returned Tuesday from a business trip to Minneola.

Ralph Colvin made a business trip to Elkhart the first of the week.

Miss Helen Farr of Hooker was a shopper here between trains Saturday.

L. C. Yocum and wife of Kansas City were here on business the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McFarland returned Saturday from Topeka and Carbondale, Kansas, at which latter place they attended the funeral of Mrs. McFarland's mother.

S. S. Workers to be Here.

One State Sunday School Worker is always expected at our County Sunday School Convention, but this year by an arrangement made by the County Secretary at the recent State Convention, two State Workers will be with us. They are, F. E. Gates, Rural Superintendent, and Mrs. S. A. Chappell, Elementary Superintendent.

These Workers have both been here and will be welcomed back, and were they to be here alone we would be assured of a good Convention. But this is not all, Prof. M. A. Honline, a University man with "degrees to burn," Teacher Training Superintendent Ohio Sunday School Association, Department Leader, "Men and Religious Forward Movement," happens at this time to be on his way to California, and he will be with us for three sessions on Sunday, May 23.

No Sunday School pupil, officer or teacher in the County can afford to miss this rare treat of good things.

Remember the time, Saturday and Sunday, May 22nd and 23rd.

N. L. FALLS, Secretary

W. H. Heberlig left Monday for Guyton to spend a few days with his son, J. C. Heberlig.

Better get one now. Hall Insurance in the National. See Chas. W. Ellsaesser.

T. A. Tegarden made a business trip to Independence, Kansas, this week.

Denzo Bradford, proprietor of the Texhoma telephone exchange, spent Sunday here with friends.

Joe Long and Kenneth Cayton left Saturday for Dalhart, where they will visit relatives a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ives arrived Saturday from St. John. They will make their home here.

Ladies,—is your time worth anything? If so, see the new house draperies at the Economy.

Mrs. H. E. Regnier arrived Friday from Bliss, Oklahoma, to visit the Ellerton home near Boyd.

Mrs. Onia Tarrent of Hooker spent a few days here the last of the week visiting her sister, Mrs. L. L. Hunsinger.

Mrs. Fred Lamb arrived Saturday from Macksville for a visit at the home of Misses Florence and Bess Hockett.

Mr. and Mrs. McMickel, Mr. and Mrs. Prather and Guy Hughes returned Tuesday to Kingman. They had been visiting at the O. E. Meitzenheimer home near Floris, and looking over the country with a view to possibly locating here later on.

Advertised Letters

The following letters are uncollected at the Liberal post office, for the week ending May 10, 1915: Allen, Nate; Ballinger, Emmett; Bonebrake, Mrs. Grace; Bridge, Alfred; Beard, Geo. W.; Freight Agent, Wabash Ry.; Gillespie, A. D.; Hubble, Wm. T.; Hoskinson, D. R.; Lapp, Miss Ella; Lancelott, C. J.; Moser, O. R.; McCullough, Mrs. M. S.; Mann, J. C.; Peppard, Dene; Scott, Tom; Taylor, W. H.

When calling for any of the above please say advertised. These letters, if not delivered, will be sent to the Dead Letter office on May 24, 1915.

E. S. IRWIN, P. M.

Teachers' Examination

Teachers' examination for High School Credits will be given in Room 3, High School Building, May 21-22. For particulars call or address the County Superintendent.

A. B. FULLMER, Co. Supt.

Chas. W. Ellsaesser writes 'em, a Hall Policy in the National.

Memorial Day Exercises

Headquarters Liberal Post No. 205, G. A. R.
The 29th day of May has been designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers and otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who gave their lives in defense of their country during the late Rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in nearly every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land. We are organized, comrades, for the purpose, among other things, of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which bound together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the Rebellion. Nothing can aid more to secure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes. Their soldier lives were the revolve of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. Let us guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and honor of the nation can add to this adornment is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds; let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. If other eyes dull and other hands slack, if hearts grow cold in this solemn trust, ours shall keep it as long as light and warmth of life remains to us. Let us then at the appointed time gather around their sacred resting places, and garland the mounds above them with the choicest flowers of Springtime. Let us raise over them the dear old flag they loved so well; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to assist those whom they left among us, as a sacred charge on a nation's gratitude, the soldiers' and sailors' widows and orphans.

An invitation is extended to all old soldiers and the public generally to meet with us on that day and assist with these services. On Sunday, May 23, Rev. A. W. Hyde will preach a memorial sermon at the Methodist church at 11 a. m. This will be a union service, and an invitation is extended to all church organizations and the public as well, to meet with us on that day. On Memorial Day, May 29, the afternoon services will be held at the Christian church, Rev. Hestwood making the principal address. Further arrangements will be published later.

DANIEL EICHLING, Commander.
WM. McNABNEY, Adjutant.

Liberal Girl Wins High Honor

The many friends of Miss Sarah Thompson will be pleased to learn that she won first place as a vocal soloist, singing against ten experienced singers in the State Musical Festival, which was held quite recently in Wichita.

Miss Anna Swant of Tyrone spent Sunday here, the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. P. Lorenz.

If You Have Red Blood and Ambition

YOU are anxious to improve your present financial condition, and you SHOULD be willing to put forth every effort to urge and force yourself upward. Why not decide now that you are going to get ahead, then come in and start an account with us.

First National Bank
LIBERAL, KANSAS

THE "PRUDENT MAN" BEGAN EARLY TO BANK HIS MONEY—NOW HE ENJOYS IT.



A New York theatrical man with an income of \$25,000 a year went to Wall Street with \$20,000 and tripled it. His head was turned—in a few months theatres closed—income ceased and Wall Street had finished his spare change. The EXTRA-VAGANCE his family had been used to soon drove him to the extremity of mortgaging property and sacrificing pet securities. Today he is BROKE.

Make OUR bank YOUR bank

CITIZENS STATE BANK